

415BC-413BC

Athenian expedition to Syracuse

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Decisions Athenian Campaign
against Syracuse

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Disastrous Athenian expedition
to Sicily.

415 BC

After heated debate, the Athenian assembly was persuaded by the flamboyant general Alcibiades to send a huge armada to conquer Sicily in 415 BC. The expedition ended in disaster when the Athenian fleet was trapped and destroyed at Syracuse, an ally of Sparta. This stunning loss crippled Athen's war effort.

445BC

Alcibiades expedition to Sicily
He was recalled home to defend
himself against accusations.

415 B.C.

Combined use of land and sea
forces for military purposes
(amphibious warfare), used
by Athenians against Sicily.

415BC

Sicilian Expedition

Some of cities of Sicily, formerly Athenian allies revolted and sought aid from Athens, promising to pay all expenses, thus misrepresenting their wealth. Alcibiades for his own gain urged the undertaking and with Nicias and Lamachus was put in command of a large fleet.

On reaching Syracuse, each commander

had his own plan

(a) LAMACHUS - attack Syracuse at once

(b) NICIAS - cruise along the coast, gathering the fleet & return home

(c) Alcibiades - by negotiation, secure aid from neighboring cities, before making an attack

This plan was accepted but the people were not so very easily & in the midst of it Alcibiades was arrested & recalled to Athens for being implicated in the destruction of the images of Hermes, which took place the night before the expedition left. He escaped, turned traitor and allied himself with Sparta

415BC

Mutilation of the HERMAE.

Disgrace of ALCIBIADES

EURYPIDES "Trojan Women"

415 BC

Athens attacked Syracuse

C4/5 BC
480 - 406 BC

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(about 480 - 406 BC) including
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4/5BC

Expedition against Syracuse
4/3BC Expedition ends in failure.

415 BC

Segestan embassy at Athens, against
Salinus. Sicilian Expedition sails
under Nicias, Alcibiades, and
Lamachus. Alcibiades, recalled.
Intrigues against Athens